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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Intelligence Briefing on SRINF for SSCI Staff
27 July 1987

1. In its ongoing review of arms control issues, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staff requested a briefing on 27 July concerning the status of Soviet short-range intermediate nuclear forces (SRINF). George Tenet of the staff was the focal point for this briefing and met with Directorate of Intelligence/Arms Control Intelligence Staff (DI/ACIS) officers prior to the session to identify the issues which needed to be covered.

2. Intelligence Community officers briefed the SSCI staff for several hours on 27 July (1145-1330). Attending for the SSCI were Tenet, Staff Director Dave Holliday, Ed Levine, Gina Genton, Mike Mattingly, Charles Battaglia, Bob Morgan, Blythe Thomas, Gary Sojka, John Despres, Jeanne McNaughton, Natalie Bocock, and Marvin Ott. Tenet, Despres, Levine, Sojka and Mattingly were the most active questioners during the briefing. [redacted] from DIA congressional liaison also attended since analysts from that agency participated in the briefing. Intelligence Community officers who attended are listed on the attached. [redacted] prepared a transcript of the briefing in order for the staff to have "verbatim notes."

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3. [redacted] Director ACIS, initiated the session with a short overview on the goals for these briefings to assist the Intelligence Committee in Congressional consideration of new arms control agreements. He mentioned that, in this staff briefing, the Community would be presenting ideas and conclusions which were not final assessments of the Soviet capability. He introduced [redacted]

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[redacted] who focused on what SRINF systems had been identified and where they were located. In the course of his presentation, he discussed deployment of SS-23's, [redacted]

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and similar details. The second briefing by [] of ACIS reviewed considerations in monitoring Soviet adherence to an arms control agreement, relating them to specific negotiating issues. The SSCI staff, in several instances, specifically questioned the briefers on the level of confidence which intelligence had in identifying Soviet compliance to an arms agreement with the current national collection systems.

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4. After the briefing, Tenet mentioned the SSCI staff interest in holding other sessions to explore different aspects of arms control. This would be scheduled in the near future. He stated that a group of SSCI staff members would draw up a plan for a series of staff and Member briefings between September and the end of the year, with the expectation that the Senate will be confronted with treaty proposals by early 1988. The Intelligence Committee staff hopes to set up CIA and DIA briefings over several months so that there will not be a last minute scurry for Community positions and recommendations.

5. D/ACIS also informed Tenet personally that the Agency staff was prepared to pass periodically to the SSCI and HPSCI background materials on arms negotiations -- approximately every two weeks. These would be primarily sanitized backgrounders from Geneva on the most recent developments in negotiations. Tenet gave assurances that the material would receive limited distribution at the SSCI and would be for "senior members only."

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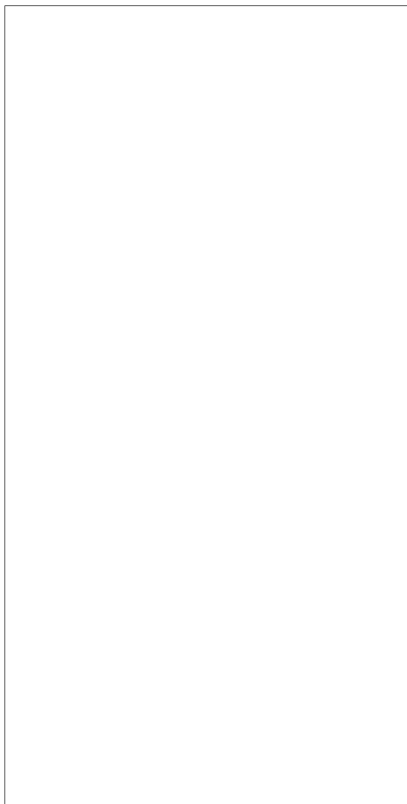
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